



State Community Health Worker Advisory Committee Meeting

February 10, 2020



Regulations

- Title 10 Maryland Department of Health
Subtitle 68 Community Health Workers
 - 10.68.01 Certification of Community Health Workers
 - 10.68.02 Community Health Worker Certification Training Programs
- [COMAR 10.68.01 and 10.68.02](#)
- Effective date - **December 30, 2019**

CHW Certification Program Update

Certification Update

Certification for Experience CHWs - September 1, 2019 – February 10, 2020

# applications submitted to MHD:	273
# submitted applications in review process (under review and applicant receiving assistance with completion):	43
# total certificates issued by MDH:	230

Outreach and Communication

- **Less than 2 months for CHWs to apply for certification based on experience**
- Focused / targeted outreach
 - Ensure current CHWs know about certification opportunity
 - Assistance is available
 - MDH CHW team – 410-767-5971 or MDH.CHWApplications@Maryland.gov

Outreach and Communication

Key messages:

- CHWs have previously completed a training program and have obtained a certificate of completion should still consider applying for certification based on their experience
- CHWs who are not certified under this process will be required to complete a comprehensive CHW training program, accredited by the Department, to become certified
- CCHWs – Communicate to your fellow CHWs why certification is important to you
- Due to proximity of surrounding states, obtaining a MD certification could benefit a CHW in the future

Outreach and Communication

- Advisory Committee assistance:
 - Recommendations for additional outreach avenues
 - Request content for inclusion in newsletters or other communications
 - Communication to MDH CHW team barriers that individuals may be facing

Certification Process April 1, 2020

- Beginning April 1, 2020 applications will be accepted for certification of CHWs based on the completion of an accredited training program
- Requirements:
 - Age: Minimum age of 18 years
 - Education: High School Diploma or GED equivalent
 - Training: Successful completion of a state approved training program

CHW Certification Training Program Accreditation Update

Training Program Requirements

[COMAR 10.68.02.03](#) - Training Program Requirements

A CHW certification training program shall:

- Provide a minimum of **100 hours of instruction**
- Verify successful completion of an **additional supervised 40-hour practicum** by a student
- Employ a **curriculum framework that incorporates, at a minimum, the Maryland CHW nine core competencies**
- Include an **objective knowledge assessment**

Training Program Accreditation Process

- Training program accreditation application process released on January 1, 2020
- Announcement sent out through CHW listserv
- Individual training entity outreach to take place
- <https://pophealth.health.maryland.gov/Community-Health-Workers/Pages/Training-Program-Accreditation.aspx>

Training Program Accreditation Process

- Technical assistance webinar held Monday, January 13, 2020
 - 40 registrants
 - Slides posted at <https://pophealth.health.maryland.gov/Community-Health-Workers/Pages/Events-and-Updates.aspx>
- Technical assistance webinar **scheduled for Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 3 p.m.**
 - Access and registration information at <https://pophealth.health.maryland.gov/Community-Health-Workers/Pages/Events-and-Updates.aspx>
- One-on-one assistance available

Training Program Accreditation Process

Accreditation of CHW Certification Training Programs – January 1, 2020 – February 10, 2020

# applications submitted to MHD:	1
# application in draft (not yet submitted):	6
# total accreditations issued by MDH:	0

Training Program Application Review Committee

[COMAR 10.68.02.04B](#) – Application Review Committee

Training program applications will be reviewed by a CHW Training Program Application Review Committee consisting of:

- A community health worker;
- A State Community Health Worker Advisory Committee member;
- A health professions educator with expertise in curriculum development;
- An MDH CHW certification program staff member; and
- As deemed necessary by the Department, an MDH program staff member with subject matter expertise in specialty areas

Training Program Application Review Committee

- Currently recruiting for Review Committee seats
 - Applications accepted through February 24, 2020
- Training Program Application Review Committee Website:
<https://pophealth.health.maryland.gov/Community-Health-Workers/Pages/Training-Program-Application-Review-Committee>
 - Background
 - How to apply
 - Expectations and requirements
- Be available to attend in-person Review Committee orientation on Monday, March 16th from 12 noon – 4 p.m. at MDH

Training Program Application Review Committee

- Accepting applications for seats of:
 - **Community health worker**
 - **A health professions educator with expertise in curriculum development**
- Interested candidates will be required to complete an application and provide a resume / CV
- Review Committee will be selected by the Secretary after review of application
- Conflict of interest disclosure

Training Program Application Review Committee

State CHW Advisory Committee Seat

- Review background, expectations, and requirements on the Review Committee website, <https://pophealth.health.maryland.gov/Community-Health-Workers/Pages/Training-Program-Application-Review-Committee>
- Interested Advisory Committee members do not need to apply online
- Submit a statement of interest to serve to Kimberly.Hiner@Maryland.gov no later than February 24, 2020

Confirmed Committee Meeting Dates for 2020

- Quarterly meeting of full Advisory Committee - Mondays, 1 – 3 p.m., at MDH
 - **May 18, 2020**
 - **August 17, 2020**
 - **November 16, 2020**

Open Discussion

Certification Contacts and Links

Maryland CHW Certification Website

<https://pophealth.health.maryland.gov/Community-Health-Workers/Pages/Home.aspx>

Maryland CHW Phone Line

410-767-5971

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